BEDNALL (....-c1662)

Template ~~[Offlow] (All Saints) {Vicarage}~~

In 1641 XXX was in the patronage of the XXX.
During the intrusion (1644/60) the patronage passed to the *XXX*.
In 1660 it was restored to XXX.
In 16-- the ministerial salary of about £ pa was to be augmented by about £.
In Jan 1661.2 a clerical subsidy of xx was paid.
In 1665 xxx

1641-1644

~~1638-1644 Richard Martin c1579-.... vicar preb. of Alrewas (John Hayward) continued~~

Intrusion 1644-1660

1660-1665

Bednall [Cuttlestone] *(? All Saints)* was an independent parochial chapelry probably in the patronage of Walter Fowler of St Thomas (by Stafford) esquire 1620-1684. He had probably presented William Vincent c1632-c1678 who was licensed parochial curate (here and at Acton Trussell) on 23 Oct 1662. The parish of one township was a simple parochial constablewick. The parochial curacies of Acton Trussell and Bednall were united as Acton Trussell-cum-Bednall.

There has been a church in Bednall since 1086, when it was recorded that Bednall formed part of the Bishops Manor of Baswich, and remained that way until 1671 when Acton and Bednall became a separate Parish.

(c1532) A district of Baswich. No clergy listed.

(1563) In 1563 a church appropiated to the prebendary of Whittington and Baswich and subject to his peculiar jurisdiction. Described in 1549 and 1553 as an (independent) chapel, the tithes and oblations of which have "time out of mind" been received by the priest here as a stipend and are worth 40s pa. Also described c1552 as a chapel in Cannock parish; in 1604 as a chapel annexed to Baswich; and in 1680 as a chapel in Acton Trussell parish. [1915]

*ACTON-TRUSSELL, a parochial chapelry, in the parish of Baswick, union of Penkridge, E. division of the hundred of Cuttlestone, S. division of the county of Stafford, 3½ miles (N. N. E.) from Penkridge; containing, with **Bednall**, 574 inhabitants. The township of Acton and Bednall comprises 2551 acres, of which 1400 are arable, and the remainder grass, with a few acres of plantation; the soil is a good gravelly loam. Acton lies west of Bednall, adjoining the river Penk and the Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal. The living is a perpetual curacy, with that of Bednall united; net income, £234; patrons, the Trustees of William Hulme. The glebe-house was built in 1842 by the Rev. Matthew Davies, the incumbent; it commands extensive and beautiful views: the glebe consists of 32 acres. The chapel of Acton, dedicated to St. James, is an ancient edifice in the early English style, with a square tower: **Bednall** chapel, dedicated to All Saints, was rebuilt in 1844, and consecrated in July 1846; it is a neat structure with a bell-turret. There is a national school. [A Topographical Dictionary of England (1848)]*

The chapel of Acton Trussell was built in the 13th century, presumably as a dependent chapel of Baswich, and was consequently appropriated to the prebend of Whittington and Baswich in Lichfield Cathedral. (fn. 107) Although the church of Baswich was claiming 4*s.* in respect of corn tithe from Acton Trussell and Bednall between 1547 and 1551 (fn. 108) the chapel was still said to be

appropriated to the prebend of Whittington and Baswich in 1563. (fn. 109) In 1604 Acton Trussell chapel was described as a chapel in Baswich and *c.* 1690 as a chapel annexed to Baswich, but Acton Trussell and Bednall formed a separate parish by at least 1671, (fn. 110) each chapel presumably having all rights of a parish church. The parish was described as a joint chapelry in 1834 (fn. 111) and 1851, (fn. 112) the benefice remaining a perpetual curacy until 1867 when it was declared a vicarage. (fn. 113)

The advowson of Acton Trussell was presumably included in the grant of the advowson of Baswichto the priory of St. Thomas (St. Mary's parish, Stafford) in 1407. (fn. 114) On the dissolution of St. Thomas's it was granted to Roland Lee, Bishop of Lichfield, in 1539 (fn. 115) and subsequently descended with the Fowler manor of Brocton until at least 1695. (fn. 116) By 1834 it had been transferred to the Revd. W. H. Molineux, who was himself the incumbent but served the church by a deputy. (fn. 117) The joint advowson was held in 1851, (fn. 118) and is still held, by the Hulme Trustees. (fn. 119)

Parish History

By 1533 the parish of **BEDNALL** was formed from part of **BASWICH**.

About 1662 **ACTON TRUSSELL** was joined by **BEDNALL** to become **ACTON TRUSSELL-CUM-BEDNALL.**

Description of Church (All Saints)

The (old) church was built by 1563. It was replaced in 1846.

The (new) church, in ..... was built 1844-6 (largely at the expense of XXXXX) to designs by *H. Ward* and consecrated in July 1846. A south west steeple was added in 1873.

Description of Living

Perpetual Curate	....-1644
Minister (of Presbytery) (Feb 1644-29 May 1660)	1644-1660

Patrons

Parish Registers

The register of All Saints, Bednall, commenced in 1678. The original registers for the period 1678-1886 (Bapts), 1678-1997 (Mar) & 1678-1783 (Bur), and Banns for the period 1823-1884 are deposited at Staffordshire Record Office. Bishops Transcripts are deposited at Lichfield Record Office. [GENUKI]

Bells

----- ----- **1604**

(Perpetual Curate, Bednall, Staffs)

- (unnamed, "No preacher, salary £5") [1604 return]

Robert Ashton (parochial curate of Bednall) e1586-1658
Ashton, born perhaps about 1586, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade. He was presumably ordained deacon (? and priest) before 26 Aug 1616 when he was in office as parochial curate of Wetton. From 1623 to 1625 he was styled "reader" of Chapel Chorlton whilst probably serving as parochial curate. In 1631 he was a stipendiary curate at Colwich vicarage. He was then appointed parochial curate of Bednall. About 1638 he was styled "Robert Ashton of Bednall - minister of the gospel", when he testified to the honest life and conversation of a local preacher Humphrey Vincent ?1595-.... From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister. Still in office he died, aged perhaps about 72, about Mar 1658. His nuncupative will made on 26 Mar 1658 was proved under *PCC* on 29 Apr 1658. Ashton may not have married.

Robert Ashton (parochial curate of Bednall) e1586-1658 **1638-1652**
b e1586 *of unknown parentage*
(? unm.)
i [X FMP] ; Will (PCC) 26 Mar 1658/29 Apr 1658
(parochial curate, Wetton, Staffs)
- (in office) 26 Aug 1616 [CCEd]
(reader, Chapel Chorlton, Staffs) [? acting as parochial curate]
- (as R----- Ashton, Reader, signed the parish register) 1624
- (as Robert Ashton, in office) 1623-5 [HUTCHINSON (1893) 72]
(stipendiary curate, Colwich [vicarage], Staffs)
- (in office) 1631
(parochial curate, Bednall, Staffs)
- (in office) 1638
(*compliant* minister, Bednall, Staffs)
- (in office) 1651.2

About 1638 he was styled "Robert Ashton of Bednall - minister of the gospel", when he testified to the honest life and conversation of a local preacher Humphrey Vincent ?1595-....
(26 Mar 1658) (nuncupative) Robert Ashton late minister of Bednall [mentions no relations]

William Southall (presbyterian minister of Baswich) e1628-.... **B39**
Southall, born perhaps about 1628, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade.
He was presumably qualified to be a presbyterian clergyman by 10 May 1658 when after presentation by Oliver Cromwell (Lord Protector) he was appointed presbyterian minister of Bednall independent parochial chapelry. On 4 Mar 1658.9 he was ?approved by the *Commission for approbation of public preachers* as presbyterian minister of Baswich independent parochial chapelry and was in office in Nov 1659. It is likely that in Jun 1660 he continued in office as *de facto* parochial curate but on 24 Aug 1662 did not subscribe to *The act of uniformity* and was thus to be deprived. Southall may not have married. No further record has been discovered. [NB: William Southall (vicar of Pattingham) 1611-1677 was a contemporary clergyman.]

William Southall e1628-....
b e1628 *of unknown parentage*
*** *Easily confused with William Southall (Vicar of Pattingham, Staffs) 1611-1677*
(presbyterian minister, Bednall, Staffs)
- (nominated by the Protector) 10 May 1658
(presbyterian minister, Baswich, Staffs)
- (admitted by the Commissioners) 4 Mar 1658.9
- (in office) Nov 1659
- (received augmentations of £18/13/4 and £21/6/8)
- (not mentioned in original parish register)
[NOTE: CALAMY appears confused]

(1702) Baswich: Mr. Southwell [Calamy (1702) p358]
(1713) Baswich. Mr. Southwel. [Calamy (1713) p634]
(1727) Pag, 634 Baswich: Mr. RICHARD SOUTHWEL Add; After he was ejected and silenc'd he liv'd at Doddington, between Atherstone and Leicester. He was a worthy Divine, an excellent practical and judicious Preacher, and one that laboured

sincerely in his Master's Work, both before and he was ejected. Having no Estate, he found it difficult to support himself and Family; and was thereupon oblig'd to apply himself to Husbandry, and eat and drink what was course and mean; and yet without Murmuring, he was humble, content and patient. He frequently preach'd in his own Dwelling-house, and other Places in the Country, though he expos'd himself by it. He brought up a Son of his own to the Ministry; and was also Uncle to Mr John Southwell, who Remov'd from Dudley to Newbury in Berkshire, and there died. But as to the Time and Place of the Death of Mr Richard Southwell, I can say nothing. [Calamy (1727) p786]
(1778) BASWICH, [Chap.] Mr Richard Southwell. After he was ejected he lived at Doddington, between Atherstone and Leicester. He was a worthy divine, an excellent practical and judicious preacher, and one that laboured sincerely in his Master's work, both before and after his ejectment. Having no estate, in order to support himself and family, he was obliged to apply himself to husbandry, and to fare hard; in doing which he was humble, content and patient. He frequently preached in his own house, and other places, in the country, though he exposed himself to danger by it. He brought up a son to the ministry, and was also uncle to Mr John Southwell, who died at Newbury [Calamy (1778) p390] [NOTE: John Southwell is said to have become pastor of the Presbyterian flock at Newbury in 1688]
(1803)as 1778 [Calamy III (1803) p]
(1900) XXX [Shaw I/II (1900) p]
(1911) XXX [Turner (1911) p]
----- (1669) [Parishes & Conventicles there] ... [Sects] ... [Numbers] ... [Qualitie] ... [Heads & Teachers] ...
(1915) (Bednall) 3 Southall. Nominated (?10 May 1658) to this curacy by the Protector. (LMS 999 p21) See Berkswich. [SHC 1915 p24] (Berkswich) 7 Southall. (in office, Nov. 1659) [p25] Formerly curate at Bednall, admitted [? approved for] to this vicarage by the commissioners 4 Mar 1658.9, received the augmentations aforenamed, which are now given as £18/13/4 and £21/6/8 (LMS 987 p167, 168; 994 p142; 1004 p129) Calamy says that Richard (sic) Southall was ejected in 1662 and went to Doddington. See Pattingham. [SHC 1915 p25]
(1917) XXX [Gordon (1917) p]
(1924) XXX [Matthews (1924) p]
(1934) SOUTHWELL, RICHARD. Curate of Wilnecote, Tamworth, Warws. There Oct. 1658. Calamy gives him as also ejected as Baswich, Staffs., apparently confusing him with Wm. Southall, ~~vicar~~ there in 1658. (L. 999. III: W.S.A.S. 25: Cal. 634, 749. Cont. 785, 862.) Ord. by Wirksworth Classis, Derbs., 20 May 1657. After ejection lived at Dadlington, Leics. 1669, preaching at Fillongley, also at Gt. Ashby and 4 other Leicestershire parishes. Licensed (P.) at Gt. Ashby 25 July 1672. 1690, preaching at Hinckley, Leics., 'wanting a supply": also preaching monthly at Appleby, Leics. Received a grant from Common Fund for service at Hinckley 1690-3 (Gordon, 356). Son John, minister at Hinckley: buried there 12 Dec. 1705. [Calamy Revised (1934) p452]

?Vacant **1660-1662**

William Vincent B.A. (parochial curate of Acton Trussell & Bednall) c1632-c1678 D134
Vincent, born about 1632, was a son of Spencer Vincent of London silk weaver. He studied at Cambridge where on 22 Jun 1650 he was admitted as a pensioner at Pembroke College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1653. On 12 Jul 1662 he was in office as a stipendiary curate at Woodcote, Salop when he subscribed to the *Act of uniformity* but was only ordained deacon and priest by Lichfield on (the next day) 13 Jul 1662. On 23 Oct 1662 after probable presentation by Walter Fowler of St Thomas (by Stafford) esquire 1620-1684 he was, *jointly*, licensed parochial curate and appointed reader at Acton Trussell and Bednall and on 22 Apr 1663 appointed schoolmaster of Acton Trussell parish school. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Acton Trussell constablewick but was not assessed there. In 1667 he may have been living at Penkridge where in 1668 he was found to be an unlicensed teacher. In 1677 he was living at Bednall but, still in office at Acton Trussell and Bednall, is said to have died, aged about 46, about 1678 in prison. Vincent probably married about 1666 to a waoman by whom he had 1 son (who was christened on 10 Jul 1667 at Penkridge). Vincent was the author of a 1677 pamphlet entitled *Strange and true news from Staffordshire, or, a true narrative concerning a young man lying under almighty God's just vengeance, for imprecating God's judgment upon himself, and pleading his innocency though he knew himself guilty. Written by W. Vincent minister of God's word at Bednall, in the county of Stafford aforesaid, who saw and discoursed the said person upon the 26th day of April, 1677. The saddest spectacle that ever eyes beheld.*

►William Vincent (P.C. of Acton Trussell-cum-Bednall, Staffs) c1632-c1678
b c1632 *son of Spencer Vincent of London silk-weaver*
[? m c1666 ----- -----]
d c1678 in prison

(as son of Spencer Vincent of London silk-weaver, aged 18, admitted pensioner at Pembroke, Cambridge) 22 Jun 1650 [VENN]
(matriculated) 1650
(B.A.) 1653
(Stipendiary Curate, Woodcote, Salop)
- (then in office, subscribed to the Act of Uniformity) 12 Jul 1662

(ordained deacon & priest by Lichfield) 13 Jul 1662
(Parochial Curate, Acton Trussell, Staffs) ?1662-d
- (signed Bishops Transcripts) 17 Oct 1661 [1915] [is this an error for 1662 ?]
- (appointed) 23 Oct 1662
(Reader, Acton Trussell, Staffs)
- (appointed) 23 Oct 1662
(Parochial Curate, Bednall, Staffs) ?1662-d
- (appointed) 23 Oct 1662
(Reader, Bednall, Staffs)
- (appointed) 23 Oct 1662
(Master, Acton Trussell Parish School, Staffs)
- (appointed) 22 Apr 1663
(as Minister, certified the hearth tax for Acton Trussell constablewick) 1665 [1666 HT]
(Master, Penkridge Parish School, Staffs)
- (in office, unlicensed) 1668

(1668) In 1668 [presentations included] William Vincent of Penkridge "for teaching school unlicenced[sic]" [MATTHEWS (CONG) 56]

(23 Mar 1667.8) William Vincent clerk (plaintiff): Geo. Launder etc: Vicarage and parishes of Bednall and Acton Trussell ... tithes [Exchequer: Depositions by Commission - Calendar]

(5 Apr 1675) William Vincent clerk (plaintiff): Geo. Launder: Vicarage of Acton Trusell and Bednall ... tithes [Exchequer: Depositions by Commission - Calendar]

(1677) ... One Mr. William Vincent, a Minister, hearing a Report that a Man's Hands and Feet should rot off ... Bednall, where the said Minister liveth in *Strange and true news from Staffordshire, or, a true narrative concerning a young man lying under almighty God's just vengeance, for imprecating God's judgment upon himself, and pleading his innocency though he knew himself guilty. Written by W. Vincent Minister of God's word at Bednall, in the county of Stafford aforesaid, who saw and discoursed the said person upon the 26th day of April, 1677. The saddest spectacle that ever eyes beheld*. Licensed, May 11. 1677. Roger L'Estrange. London. [8 pages]

(c1680) Acton Trussall ... Vicar Mr. Will Watwood predecessor Mr. Will. Vincent died about 2 years ago in prison. Mr Fowler of St Thomas patron of this & Bednall. [Gregory King's Notebook in SHC 1919 p238]

chn: William Vincent c 10 Jul 1667 Penkridge
[???] Margaret Vincent i *as dau of Ms Vincent* 12 Apr 1699 Penkridge]